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Congress of the United States  
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The Honorable David Price  
Chair  
House Transportation and Housing and  
Urban Development Subcommittee  
2006 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart  
Ranking Member  
House Transportation and Housing and  
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1016 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

As you consider funding for Fiscal Year 2020, I write to urge your support for two key transportation and infrastructure provisions. The Gateway Project is one of the most vital infrastructure projects in our country. More than 200,000 passengers ride through the Hudson Tunnels on a daily basis, and its failure would not only cripple New York City, but would disrupt travel from North Carolina to Maine. The Portal Bridge, another part of the Gateway Project, is over 100 years old. One out of every seven times it opens to allow for river travel, it does not close entirely on its own: workers have to hammer the bridge close with sledgehammers. This causes hours of delays for passengers.

The policies I am proposing would address tactics from a hostile administration to unfairly tank the financial ratings of these vital projects, as well as stop the Department of Transportation's willful decision to buck Congress's appropriations.

**Transportation Language Requests:**

**Sec. 16X**

- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall enter into a full funding grant agreement with a project sponsor that has submitted a core capacity improvement project as part of a program of interrelated projects as defined by section 5309(a) of title 53, United States Code.

**Sec. 1XX**

- Proceeds of Federal credit assistance under chapter 6 of title 23, United States Code or sections 501 through 504 of the Railroad and Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-210), as amended, shall be considered to be part of the non-Federal share of project costs if the loan is repayable from non-Federal funds, unless otherwise requested by the project sponsor.

By taking these steps, we can ensure that politics do not come before good infrastructure policy and reassert Congress's authority in appropriations.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. I look forward to working with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Malinowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tom Malinowski  
Member of Congress